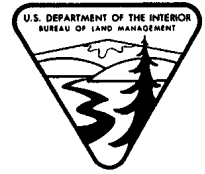




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To: Regional/Field Office Fire Personnel
District/Field Office Managers

From: State Fire Management Officer

Subject: Pre-Season Fire and Aviation Meeting, 2008

Attached you will find the *draft* agenda for our **Pre-Season Fire and Aviation meeting to be held on April 22, 23, and 24th at the Courtyard Marriott in Sacramento, California.** Also attached you will find the hotel information with reservation details to assist you in making your arrangements.

Our meeting will begin promptly at 1300 on 4/22/08, and run through around 1200 on 4/24/08. Please make your travel plans accordingly. My hope is that all the Regional and Field Office Managers and Fire Personnel will be able to attend and that we will have a productive three days. Your pre-meeting preparation is appreciated. Please contact Craig Barnes if you have any questions at craig_barnes@ca.blm.gov or (916) 978-4433.

Line officers are especially encouraged to attend on the afternoon of April 22, 2008.

Signed by:
Craig Barnes
State Fire Management Officer

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Records Management

Attachments:

1. Hotel Reservation Information (1 p)
2. California Pre-Season Fire Meeting **Draft** Agenda (2 pp)

Hotel Reservation Information

A block of rooms have been reserved at the new TownPlace Suites Sacramento Cal Expo, located at 1784 Tribute Road. The Meeting will be held in the Ballroom at the Courtyard by Marriott Sacramento Cal Expo located just across the parking lot.

Please follow these instructions to ensure your room is at the per diem rate!

Call: Marriott Central Reservations 1-800-973-1386

Reference: Bureau of Land Management

Deadline: March 31, 2008

After March 31st all unreserved rooms will be released back to the hotel and will no longer be locked to the Pre-Season Meeting.

Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the first night of the reservation

California Pre-Season Fire Meeting

April 22-24, 2008

Sacramento, California

AGENDA (DRAFT)

Tuesday- April 22, 2008: 1300 hrs.

Introductions: Craig Barnes - SFMO (Introductions)

Ground Rules and Logistics: Joy Gibson-Taylor, Facilitator

Welcome: Karen Barnette - DSD, Support Services

National Office of Fire and Aviation Update (?????)

Esperanza Fire (Jeff Brand CAL FIRE)

BREAK

District/Regional updates – 15 minutes each (Dist/Reg FMOs)

- Report on staffing levels and vacancies

Questions & Answers with Line Officers and Fire Managers (Group)

1630 - Adjourn _____

Wednesday – April 23, 2008: 0800 hrs.

Fire Planning (Newman)

- FPA,
- SFI/SFMOG
- RAMS & FMPS
- New Field Office level Fire Planning Software where BLM California is developing a prototype/marketing tool

BREAK

Fuels Budget and Targets Update (Blankenship)

Mitigation/Education Update (Arteaga)

BREAK

National Preparedness Review 2008: (Bannister)

- Update
- Schedule
- Process

LUNCH BREAK

Recruitment Retention

- Hiring Tools
- Diversity in the fire program- where are we?
- EEO/Civil Rights update
- HR update

(Gibson-Taylor/ Arteaga)

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(Icebones)
(Morrow)

BREAK

Budget Outlook FY-08/09

- CA/BLM Fire Board of Directors
- CWCG Updates

(Barnes)

IFPM – Update on GS-401 Status

(Bannister/ Barnes)

Program/Committee reviews and reports

- Red Card/Qualifications Committee Report
- Apprenticeship Program
- Captains Committee
- Construction/Facilities SOP's
- GACC Updates

(Bannister)
(Gogna)
(Hood)
(Hood)
(Duncan/ Matarazzi)

BREAK

Cooperative Fire Agreements

- CFMA
- CFAA
- Local Agreements

(Carlson/ Bannister)

1630 - Adjourn

Thursday – April 24, 2008: 0800 hrs.

Equipment Update

- Engine fleet - Current, next order changes
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus – Update

(Bannister)

(Hood)

Aviation Issues

- National SEAT MGMT
- State Aviation Plan

(Hood)

BREAK

Seasonal update

(Leach)

Operational Issues

- Duty Officer
- Medical Aids
- Command Structure and Uniform Policy
- Additional career positions for Engines and Helitack

(Bannister)

Bin Items

Open discussion

(Group)

Schedule 2008 Post-Season Fire Meeting

1200 hrs. Adjourn